

Chicago Avenue improvement project

LARAMIE AVENUE TO GRAND AVENUE

The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) is improving Chicago Avenue from Laramie Avenue to Grand Avenue. This marks the second phase of the Chicago Avenue improvement project, which is upgrading Chicago Avenue from Laramie Avenue to I-90/94. The project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Project Improvements include:

- Street resurfacing
- Sidewalk/curb and gutter and driveway replacement
- Pavement widening from Cicero to Pulaski
- Modernized traffic signals at Laramie, Laverne, Kilbourn, Kostner, Pulaski, Hamlin, Central Park, Homan, and Sacramento
- New street and pedestrian lighting
- Benches, trash receptacles and bike racks
- New landscaped medians from Lawler to Cicero
- 493 new trees planted throughout project in mulched pits
- 73 new trees in trial rubber grates



sample of new street lights



rendering of landscaped median

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Work began in early April 2010 and will finish in May 2011. Work will start on the north side of Chicago Avenue in each proposed phase. Also starting concurrently with CDOT's improvement is a Chicago Department of Water Management (CDWM) project to install new water mains.

The proposed construction phasing is:

Phase 1: Laramie Ave. to Kenton Ave.--April 2010 to July 2010 (CDOT work)

Phase 2: Kenton Ave. to Central Park Ave.--April 2010 to June 2010 (CDWM work);
June 2010 to November 2010 (CDOT work)

Phase 3: Central Park Ave. to Grand Ave.--June 2010 to September 2010 (CDWM work); October 2010 to May 2011 (CDOT work)



TRAFFIC AND PARKING IMPACTS

Both roadways and sidewalks will be impacted. All streets will maintain at least one lane of traffic in each direction. Parking will be prohibited in the work area. Construction signs will indicate any parking restrictions.

BUSINESS/RESIDENT IMPACTS

Access to all businesses and residences will be maintained. As with all large-scale projects, CDOT's goal is to minimize the impact of construction on both motorists and the community.

This project was coordinated with Aldermen in the four affected Chicago wards:

Ward 26, Ald. Roberto Maldonado Ward 28, Ald. Ed Smith

Ward 27, Ald. Walter Burnett Ward 37, Ald. Emma Mitts



Richard M. Daley,
Mayor